

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2003**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL:** Jerry Trumps (Chair - District 6), Robert Castille (Vice Chair - District 2), Chris Williams (District 3), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Marc Mouton (District 7), Rob Stevenson (District 8), Randy Menard (District 9)

**ABSENT:** Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4)

**COUNCIL STAFF:** Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk of the Council) and Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Walter S. Comeaux, Jr. (City-Parish President), Glenn Weber (CAO), Robert Benoit (Director of Planning, Zoning and Codes), John Raines (Public Works Director), Steve Dupuis (Legal Counsel)

**COMMENCEMENT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(000) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Jerry Trumps called the Special Council Meeting of January 27, 2003 to order.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(001) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Stevenson was called upon to deliver the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(008) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: An Executive Session to discuss threatened litigation with reference to bids received in connection with removal of Hurricane Lili debris from backyards/private property.

A motion was offered by Castille, seconded by Stevenson, to go into executive session, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Castille, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Badeaux, Williams, Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was unanimously approved.*

The Council went into executive session at 8:35 a.m.

At 9:08 a.m., a motion was offered by Menard, seconded by Broussard, to go back into regular session, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Castille, Williams, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Badeaux, Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was unanimously approved.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(019) AGENDA ITEM NO 4 R-005-2003 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council providing direction to the Administration in connection with bids received on removal of Hurricane Lili debris from backyards/private property, motion to adopt by Williams, seconded by Castille.

Broussard offered the following amendment to fill in the blank in Section 2: *The Lafayette City-Parish Council, acting on behalf of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, rejects all bids because of the confusion caused by the issues dealing with the laws of the State Licensing Board for Contractors. The errors and confusion surrounding the issues and the laws of the State*

*Licensing Board for Contractors is “just cause” for the rejection of all bids.* The maker and the second agreed.

Williams stated he supported the ordinance and the amendment but wanted to state that regardless of where the discussion goes today, he would adamantly support the private property portion of this initiative.

**The following individuals were recognized:**

G. Andrew Veazey, representing Young’s General Contracting, asked 1) Is what is being contemplated in this contract truly considered “construction” within the meaning of the licensing statute that would require people to be licensed; and 2) questioned the validity of the “window of opportunity” given to the low bidder to obtain a contractor’s license. He requested that reconsideration be given to Young’s since they were the next low bidder (according to a letter received of the LCG Purchasing Department) and because they have proceeded to apply for a contractor’s license, have passed the exam and should receive their license on February 20, 2003.

Randy Hobgood, representing Regency, Inc., stated that Regency, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder, met all requirements and did have a contractor’s license. He added that rejecting all bids out would drive down the price, however; Regency would resubmit another bid.

Buddy Fuzzel, representing Omni Construction, stated that Omni has done the original debris pickup for Lafayette Parish and is both licensed and bonded. He contended that Omni was the second lowest bid and could fill the requirements of that bid.

The Chair then called for a vote on the ordinance as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Castille, Williams, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Badeaux, Benjamin

RECUSED: None

*Motion was unanimously approved.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(136) There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Trumps declared the special meeting adjourned.

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NORMA A. DUGAS  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL